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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: Use of A-12 Pilots for Procedural and Tactics Test of A-12 Aircraft

1. It is strongly recommended that Lockheed Aircraft Corporation (LAC) be reapproached at the earliest possible time to reinstate the agreed-to policy of company A-12 pilots flying LAC owned A-12 aircraft on procedural test flights.

2. These flights to include:

a. ARC-50 Procedures.
b. INS Procedures.
c. Refueling Procedures.
d. Viewfinder Use.
e. Camera Use.
f. Other equipment tests which fall in the realm of tactical procedures.

3. Immeasurable experience could be gained during this period of almost inactivity by any pilots.

4. It is obvious that we will have to formulate our own operating tactics and techniques; and from the present trend, the time available to master these techniques will indeed be short.

5. An additional subject that OXCART Branch is vitally interested in is -- when will #125 be turned over to area 51? We feel this subject should be broached at the same time that the flying is discussed.

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